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Madras Survey and Land Records Department

* 191 *Q.*—SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorandum was submitted by the Tamilnad Survey Officers' Union praying for the appointment of a Committee to go into the structure and service conditions of the Madras Survey and Land Records Department recently; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government have decided that there was no case for appointment of a separate Committee.

SRI M. RAJAH IYER: Will the Government, Sir, at least favourably consider their request for better service conditions?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: This question is regularly looked into and reviewed. Whenever the Government think it necessary, they will not hesitate to do what is needed.

Agricultural Income-tax

* 192 *Q.*—SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total revenue by way of agricultural income-tax for the year 1964–65 and the estimated revenue for the year 1965-66; and

(*b*) the total establishment charges for the collection of the same for the year 1964–65 and the estimated expenditure in this regard for the year 1965–66?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (*a*) The total revenue by way of agricultural income-tax for the year 1964-65 is Rs. 1,42,85,436–95 and the estimated revenue for the year 1965–66 is Rs. 1,18,00,000.

(*b*) The total establishment charges for the collection of the tax for the year 1964–65 is Rs. 14,56,248.79 and the estimated expenditure for the year 1965–66 is Rs. 14,25,000.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Sir, in view of the proposed enhancement of the land revenue, is there any proposal before the Government to abolish this agricultural income-tax?

SRI K. BALASUBRAMANYA AYYAR: They will increase.

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THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: The present increase in land revenue is purely an emergency measure. That has no relation to what we are going to do with the agricultural income-tax.

Check-posts for checking movement of foodgrains

*193 Q.—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Food be pleased to state—

(a) the number of check-posts established for the purpose of checking movement of foodgrains between mile 60 and 65 on the Southern Trunk Road from Madras to Villupuram; and

(b) the number of cases detected by these check-posts from the date of their establishment to 31st March 1965?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: (a) Two check-post. One of them has been abolished with effect from 21—4—1965.

(b) Twelve (12) cases.

SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN: Sir, what is the need for these two check-post? Have the Government taken care at any time to ask for an explanation from the concerned authorities why two check-posts were put up within a distance of two or three furlongs on the same road?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Of the two, one has been abolished. According to the arrangements made, this must be done by the two district authorities as such. Now they have taken away one.

DR. H. V. HANDE: Sir, are the Government aware that in the check-posts in one taluk and another, there is no proper protection given to the people who man the check-posts? The trunk of a tree is put across the road to stop the lorry, but sometimes the lorries pass over the trunk without stopping. The people who man these check-posts are put to a lot of hardship. Are the Government aware of this?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: The Government are fully aware of it. Even if we put some other barrier on the road, there are certain lorries which break through them. But still it is only just and proper that people should abide by the rules of the check-posts.

DR. H. V. HANDE: What is the protection given to the people if the lorries do not obey?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: Whenever any difficulty arises the Government give them the necessary protection.

SRI V. K. RAMASWAMY MUDALIAR: Sir, has this assisted the movement of paddy from taluk to taluk in the State?

THE HON. SRI V. RAMAIAH: When procurement is in progress, certain District Collectors feel it necessary to prevent the movement even within the district. In such cases they have to introduce check-posts to prevent movement from taluk to taluk.